

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-12, 14-23, 26-30 and 32-57, all the pending claims, are subject to a restriction requirement. Claims 1 and 21 have been amended to specify a level of homology. Claim 15 has been amended to further clarify the claimed invention. Claim 27 has been amended to update the dependency. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the application as filed.

No new matter has been added.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

The Examiner required Applicants to elect one of nine patentably distinct inventions for examination. The Office Action alleges that each of the inventions is distinct because, *inter alia*, each of the groups "lack the same or corresponding special technical features" (Office Action at page 3). Applicants respectfully disagree.

Applicants provisionally elect herein Group II, encompassing claims 19-23, 40-44, 48, 53 and 54, "drawn to a tankyrase homology protein."

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that no serious burden would be imposed upon the Examiner by combining several of the groups. For example, Applicants respectfully assert that searching both the nucleic acid and the tankyrase homology protein would not represent an undue burden and would serve to reduce administrative inefficiencies, both on the part of the Office and of Applicants.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the claims encompassed by any of the non-elected groups in future divisional applications.

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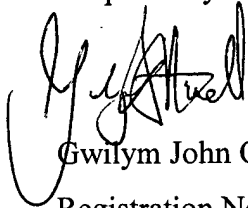
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The examination of these claims and passage to allowance are respectfully requested. An early Notice of Allowance is therefore earnestly solicited. Applicants invite the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (215) 665-6904 to clarify any unresolved issues raised by this response.

Respectfully submitted,



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